SHOWMEN'S SECRETS.

How Curiosities Are Made for the Museums.

A Recipe for Circassian Girls -Celtic-Egyptian Charmers.

"Hannah Battersby's husband runs a blacksmith shop at Frankfort, Pennsylvania," said the showman to the reporter of the Boston Globe. "He used to be a living skeleton, but he grew too fat for the business. Good living skeletons are hard to get—almost as hard as two-headed girls. They can't be made to order like other enricalities."

A real Circassian lady never was shown in this country, the showman said. Circassian ladies are the cheap-est kind of curiosities. The common-est female can be turned into one in a few days, and it is wholly unnecessary, according to the showman's idea, to go to a far off land after an object that domestic resource will supply. Bar-num brought out the first Circassian lady twenty-three years ago. She was a rather pretty creature of French extraction, and before coming to this country she displayed herself in the sideshows of France and Germany. John Greenwood, since dead, engaged her for Barnum. She was dressed in her for Barnum. She was dressed in Circassian cestume. In less than a month every side-show and museum in the country were drawing crowds to see its Circassian lady. Oircassian ladies multiplied until many homes in the land were blessed with them, and this day a show is incomplete without one. She is almost invariably the wife of a magician, giant, living skel-eton, or some other monstrosity or curiosity, who can put herself to no better use than to turn herself into a beautiful Circassian, no matter how

Every woman in the country who is not baldheaded may become a Circas-sian lady if she desires by braiding the hair over long pins and saturating it with stale beer before retiring at night. In the morning it will stand straight up on the head like a porcupine's quills. The beer imparts a wiry con-sistency without destroying the gloss or leaving it sticky. The American girl who became the wife of the Da-homey giant, afterwards the Abyssinian prince, exhibits her graces as a Circassian lady. Beaded women, un-fortunately for the showmen, cannot be brought forth like Circassian ladies.

The white Moore of Madagascar were four albinos. The husband was an Italian by birth and the wife an Austrian, The children were a boy and a girl. They were known as the Lucosie family. The girl died when three years old and the mother died last winter. The father and son are still curiosities. The boy is a splendid specimen of physical manhood, and resembles the late Charles Fechter very much. He is a fine violin player and made his first appearance as a musician in Newark, N. J., three years ago. His solos are well exe-cuted. Albinos have married before, but, except in this case, the unions are not known to have been fruitful. The eyes of albinos make them more ob-

Seven hundred and twenty pounds is the show weight of Hannah Batteraby, the biggest woman in the business. On the scales she would probably go a little above 500. It is an easy thing to make fat women look 200 or 300 pounds heavier than they are. They can conceal an immense amount of padding beneath their dress about the waist, and a bustle still further adds to their ap- his sister, and she now stands forth parent vastness of proportion. Mrs. Battersby, it will be remembered, carried her husband, the living skeleton, out of the old Broadway museum at the time of the fire and saved his life. She has a beautiful daughter, who is living with her father in Penn-sylvania. The next largest woman is Jessie Waldron, a sixteen-year-old mountain of flesh, who was born and reared in Greenpoint, Long Island. She is six feet six inches high and weighs about 450 pounds. On the bills she is put down as weighing 600 pounds. Emille Hill is the lightest of the fat women, weighing only about 250 pounds. She is only four feet high, and it is her immense circumference that makes her a great curiosity. Fat women are easy to pick

While doubtless, consumption and dyspepsia have made a few respectable skeletons, the cause of their thinness ple seem to forget that they out exposing bimself at the theatre, is, for the most part, inexplicable. No are talking to a monstrosity. induced him to have a telephone put skeleton of consequence is shown who has not been examined by more doctors than all the other curiosities put cassian ladies are a glut in the market heads together, listen to the operations of the case and now the case of curiosities are a glut in the market heads together, listen to the operations of the case of curiosities are a glut in the market heads together, listen to the operations of the case of curiosities are a glut in the market heads together, listen to the operations of the case of curiosities and now the case of curiosities range and now the case of curiosities range are case of curiosities range and now the case of curiosities range are case of curiosities range. together. Calvin Edson, who died ten and get but \$5 a week. There is but given at this city twenty eight miles years ago, and who singularly enough, one two headed girl and she gets \$500. was a violinist, came into prominence Is displaying their curiosities the twenty years ago, and was the first living skeleton of account to be exhibited. Isaac W. Sprague is still alive. He is married and has three big strapping sons. Colonel Martin P. Avery, who died last winter in this city, was the adjutant of ex Pessiont Hayes' regiment. He was red and and colonel, and was breight and being diergeneral for braver. At the last charge at Petersbury, shell killed his horse under him and tore his thigh. The wound never led and was what reduced him to living skeleton. Skeletons are generally ravenous exters, but Col. Avery lived on ice cream and nullk. A skeleton is made to look thinner by dressing him in black, the thinner by dressing him in black, the same as a fat woman is made to look fatter by covering her frame with light or bright material. The trunk in kept well covered, but the arms and legs, which are the thiunist parts, are freely exposed. Another trick is to place the skeleton alongside the fat woman, in which position he looks more attenuated than he really is

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heels, high hats and long coats really contribute three inches or so to the actual height and a foot in looks. How the Czar Contrives to Spend skilled diplomatist. She was a bounccontribute three inches or so to the actual height and a foot in looks. Giants nearly always wear uniforms to make them appear imposing, and they raise their arms slowly to give them a massive air. Capt. Bates, however,

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Served him right.

Extremes of many kinds are so communitation snake-charmer, pure Irish blood soul for the czar who, like them, was them here. Unless on the theory of coursed. One night, while exhibiting in the Madison Square Garden, a big snake in Rajah Hajah's den of sore mouth.

Chopping wood.

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When Alexander and Alexis retire to test their muscles the court ladies find the best opportunity to offer their incense to the Russian Jupiter. They coar the carring to the return to England. Some, especially the ladies, were disposed to be sceptical/suspecting that Sambo was either romancing, or induiging in one of those elaborate equivoques in which the negro mind delights. The prece-

men, tattooed women come upon the scene. Bunnell brought out the first female, a young woman named Wood-ward, last spring, who is supposed to have been tattooed by her father. Martin Hildebrant at once tattooed as a wonder. They are the only tat-tooed women at present, but will not hold the field to themselves long. Both are blondes. A brunette, described as being tall and handsome, is not have more strength and agility," at present submitting her figure to the operation. She is said to be the daughter of wealthy parents, and is struggling," says some other lady. And being tattooed with the sole idea of then they glide away, leaving the Czar placing herself on exhibition. The operation is exceedingly painful and

ums will never cease to admire the ingenuity of the showmen. A good up. Showmen find women all over the country that will do, and by adding 200 or 300 pounds to their weight on the gorgeous canvass they awe the public with their immensity.

Living skeletons are the result of disease, and cannot be manufactured.

White doubtless consumption and Walter Single the showmen. A good in curiosity ought to pessess conversational powers. These the showmen regard as valuable to attract people. It takes practice usually to secure this talent. Many people like to talk to the curiosities. One of the best conversationalists in the business is Sir

showmen study well positions and costumes, and an object that would strikes with awe and amazement in ping sons. Colonel Martin P. Avery, the museum. It behooves every per-who died last winter in this city, was son to examine himself critically and see if he is not a wonder.

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adding twenty five pounds a year to Under these circumstances Alexan-probably never be known; but by this their weight. A giant to secure an der has selected for his residence a or some other means, he appears to engagement, must be at least small town, Gatchina, twenty-eight seven feet in height. There are too many men over six feet six inches who come to the show to contrast them with. There are seven giants, including a pair of twins, in a family in Texas, three of whom are on exhibition. Bunnell at length assausinated him.

and amzon's march in London, and she will come over next year, Her height is over eight feet, and she is young as wall as handsome. Mrs. Bates is the only woman who is tailer. But two creatures that would bear the name of Aztecs have seen exhibited in this country, and they are now in Europe. These were Dagos, or a cross between a Mexican and an earth-eating Indian. Their heads are no larger than one's fists, and pale into insignificance when compared with their noses, which are enormous. The Australian children, wild girls, and wild men, are simply specimens of the lower order of the African race. "Niggers without brains," the show man sais. "The What Is It" first saw the light of day in Massachusetts. The first importa-

protection they enter, just accidentally, of course, the czar's room. They behold the czar and the chief of the navy, with their uniforms off, wrestling, struggling and rolling on the thick carpet.

"Methinks I see Achilles and Hector on the battlefield!" exclaims a court lady. "There is Hercules arisen!" exclaims

another. "The very gods of Olympus could remarks a third.

"Here are Jupiter and Neptune happy for a whole week.

It is generally believed that the Czar

reduces a subject weighing 150 but their family life is not without ery, however, is small result in the covery, however, is speedy. Over ope-balls, the Czarina used to dance with half the body is tattooed ordinarily. a certain Count Stroganoff, an incar-Curiosities can be made out of any nated Apollo, a little oftener, perhaps, material, and people who go to museauder, who is far from being an Apollo, ander, who is far from penns an append, felt mortally offended. When he disperses with his wife on some point, the agrees with his wife on some point, the little wife, had never been seen. ungenerously mentions the name of Stroganoff, and many hemstitched handkerchiefs of Danish linen are

made wet with the Czarina's tears. Alexander hates everything that reone two headed girl and she gets \$500. away. They hear the songs, the recitatives, the music, and the appiause. No doubt they recall with regret those days when they did not excite no attention on the streets need any telephone in order to hear an opera, when they were not guarded

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Matrimonial Eccentricities. Chambers' Journal.

We recollect a wedding at which the happy pair had no sooner been united than, to the amazement of every one except the officiating clergyman, who had been let into the secret a few minutes before, the eldest brother of the bride advanced with one of the that the coremony should be repeated company had to celebrate two wed

How the Czar Contrives to Spend
His Time in the Seclusion of
His Palace Fortress—His
Jealousy of His Wite.

St. Felersburg Cor. New York San.

Alexander became Czar under the most horrible suspices. The throne he had to ascend was a probabled with the bride's house. A magnificent weda massive air. Capt. Bates, however, always insists on appearing in a dress suit. Chinese giants show to the best advantage. Their long gowns give them the appearance of being taller and heavier than they really are. The contrast presented by a woman in male and female attire will serve as an illustration of this principle. In dresses she looks much larger than she does in trousers. It is amazing to note how giants increase in weight after being placed on exhibition. Their life of comparative case and the freedom from care has the effect of gard his own feelings.

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advanced he had proposed, and what was more, had been accepted. The minister was recalled, and at 11 p. m. the wedding, though not the one for which the guests had been assembled. was solemnized. The ceremony had scarcely been performed, when the door bell was violently rung, and in stalked the superseded bridegroom "Careful consideration" had at length

In Rajah Hajah's den of sore mouth. The enterprising manager ordered it cut in two, and the next day the city was thrilled with the account of Rajah Hajah's fearful encounter with a boa constrictor. He was fastened in its toils, but by a desperate effort severed it in twain with his knife, and thus saved his life. This story is vivially told by George O. Starr, one of the most experienced of the showmen. Living works of art did not adorn museums and side shows until Capt. Costentenus, the Greek, dis dent of Desdemons and Othelio notwithstanding, the idea of a nice looking English girl actually falling in love with and maarying Sambo was not to be accepted without considerable reserve. In the restricted community on board a vessel, small matters are often invested with an altogether exceptional importance, and so the question of Sambo's wife was magnified into one of the great problems of the day. It was at length resolved, in order to gratify the general surrosity and put the story to the test, to have a party of some sort on board ship as soon as London was reached, and in-

vite Sambo to bring his wife, who, he declared, resided there. The party was arranged accordingly. The longtalked of guest of the evening duly appeared—"And, would you believe it," the captain's wife afterward remarked with great animation-"she was actually pretty!" Sambo was the hero of the hour; and everybody de-

The very act of marrying at ail is in some instances a most eccentric pro ceeding. What, for example, could be more absurd than the recent marriage, in a small agricultural viliage in England, of a couple whose united ages came to 158, the bridegroom being 77, and the bride 81? Nor was this the only peculiar feature of this extraordinary unioh. The bridegroom's Christian name was Thomas; and the bride's Mary; and that was the third Mary that Thomas had selected as his partner, while it was also the third Thomas to whom Mary had been united by the conjugal bond. To crown all, both were in receipt of parochial relief to the extent of two shillings and a loaf each per week.

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